# State/County Property Tax Administration Program

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

On February 13, 1996, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with the State of California to participate in a state/county property tax administration program for 1996. The agreement provided a loan of $2,139,938 for 1996, with a provision for the same in the following two calendar years. The state passed legislation extending this program through calendar year 2002.

Effective January 01, 2002, the state legislature approved authorization of AB589. This bill created the State-County Property Tax Grant Program to replace the prior loan program. The grant was effective starting in 2002-03 and was authorized until 2006-07. As with the prior loan program, these funds are intended to supplement the county's property tax administrative cost. The amount of the loan is set forth on a schedule established by the state and is anticipated to be the same as the previous loan program.   The state's funding of this program was put on hold in 2005-06 and 2006-07. The County Administrative Office is currently financing this program.

BUDGET HISTORY

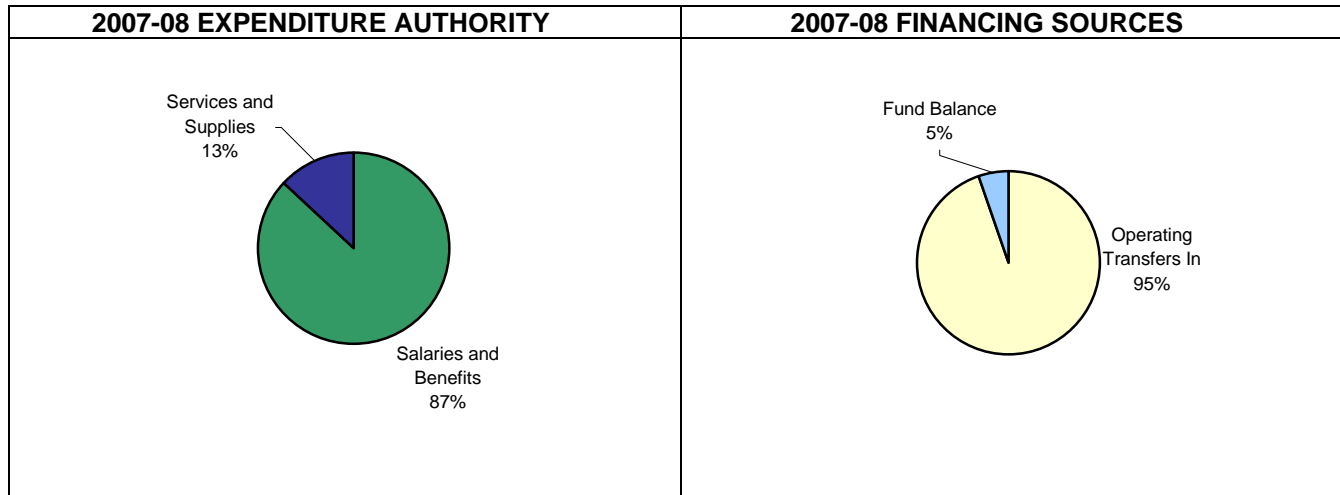| 5-YEAR BUDGET TREND	5-YEAR STAFFING TREND
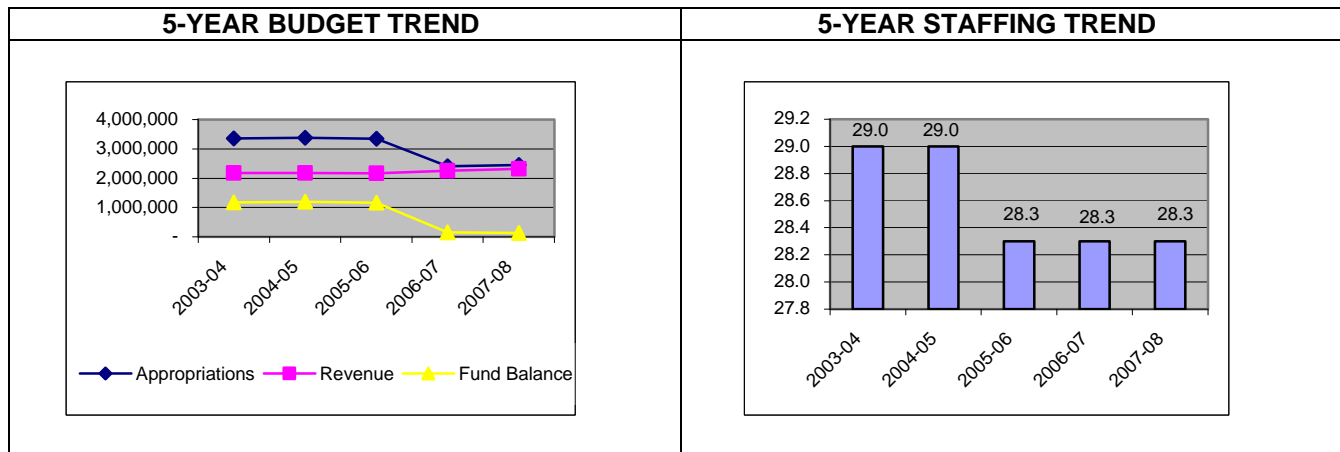
In 2007-08, the appropriation and the resulting fund balance have been dramatically reduced due to the postponement of funding by the state. In order to maintain the workload, the County Administrative Office has backfilled state funding with general fund contingencies to finance the program until the state resumes the funding. The funding enables the Assessor to complete all the workload as mandated in the Revenue and Taxation code.

PERFORMANCE HISTORY

	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Modified Budget	2006-07 Estimate
Appropriation	2,151,916	2,189,832	2,052,279	2,410,943	2,289,283
Departmental Revenue	2,173,518	2,162,020	1,037,053	2,255,295	2,264,853
Fund Balance				155,648	
Budgeted Staffing				28.3	

ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED BUDGET

2007-08 EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY	2007-08 FINANCING SOURCES

Services and Supplies 13%

Salaries and Benefits 87%

Fund Balance 5%

Operating Transfers In 95%

GROUP: Fiscal				**BUDGET UNIT:** RCS ASR			
DEPARTMENT: Assessor				**FUNCTION:** General			
FUND: Prop Tax Admin Program				**ACTIVITY:** Finance			

	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Final Budget	2007-08 Proposed Budget	Change From 2006-07 Final Budget
Appropriation							
Salaries and Benefits	1,645,952	1,837,812	1,710,029	1,875,997	2,006,489	2,125,242	**118,753**
Services and Supplies	500,764	346,493	336,391	384,121	375,289	298,069	**(77,220)**
Central Computer	-	-	-	21,906	21,906	23,298	**1,392**
Transfers	5,200	5,527	5,859	7,259	7,259	7,467	**208**
Total Appropriation	2,151,916	2,189,832	2,052,279	2,289,283	2,410,943	2,454,076	**43,133**
Departmental Revenue							
Use Of Money and Prop	20,915	21,106	37,053	25,000	25,000	25,000	**-**
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	2,152,603	2,140,874	-	-	-	-	**-**
Other Revenue	-	40	-	9,558	-	-	**-**
Total Revenue	2,173,518	2,162,020	37,053	34,558	25,000	25,000	**-**
Operating Transfers In	-	-	1,000,000	2,230,295	2,230,295	2,297,858	**67,563**
Total Financing Sources	2,173,518	2,162,020	1,037,053	2,264,853	2,255,295	2,322,858	**67,563**
Fund Balance					155,648	131,218	**(24,430)**
Budgeted Staffing					28.3	28.3	**-**

Salaries and benefits of $2,125,242 fund 28.3 positions and are increasing by $118,753 primarily resulting from costs associated with MOU and retirement rate adjustments.

Services and supplies of $298,069 include systems development charges of $292,984 and other minor charges associated with conducting the routine business of the Assessor's office. A decrease of $77,220 is primarily from a $40,000 decrease in mail charges and a $25,000 decrease in printing charges which will be charged to the Assessor's general fund budget.

Transfers of $7,467 represent payments to other county departments for charges associated with salaries and benefits. The increase of $208 represents an increase in the cost of services provided by other departments.

Total Financing Sources of $2,322,858 include operating transfers in of $2,297,858 in general fund backfill, which includes funding for MOU increases, and $25,000 of interest revenue. The increase of $67,563 is due to MOU increases for 2007-08.